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Torrance, California
February 8, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a

regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, February 8, 1938 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held January 25, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from General Petroleum Corporation was read, advising that no pipe line was laid under the provisions of County Ordinance No. 781 for the six months' period ended December 31, 1937.

A communication from Tide Water Associated Oil Company was read, advising that no receipts or earnings were derived by that Company from the use and ownership of pipe line constructed under Franchise Ordinance No. 127 of the City of Torrance.

A communication from Mr. Mershon was read, in which he stated that the Torrance Grand Opera and Symphony Association would have no need for the use of the Civic Auditorium on the dates heretofore requested.

A communication was read from the City of Hermosa Beach, calling attention to the serious situation developing from the pumping of waste water out of oil wells onto the land. It was requested that the City of Torrance appoint some City Official as a representative to be present at a meeting which will be held in an effort to work out some solution for this problem. Mayor Tolson appointed Engineer Leonard to attend the meeting and to advise the City of Hermosa Beach of a convenient meeting date.

A communication from the County of Los Angeles Department of Charities was read, dealing with the repatriation of alien Mexican families.

A communication from the International Derrick and Equipment Company was read. An ordinance of the City of Long Beach was submitted, which ordinance requires the use of steel derricks for the exploitation of oil in the corporate limits of the city. International Derrick and Equipment Company requested that this ordinance be referred to the proper committee for perusal and consideration. The matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

An application and check for the renewal of fireworks license was read. It was decided to act on this matter at a later date. The application was submitted by Mr. W.A. Birchler.

A communication from the Coordinating Council was read, requesting that the Auditorium be granted them every Friday night until the close of the school term.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be granted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A report on protests submitted to the City Council at its meeting of January 25, 1938 on the Municipal Improvement District No. 2 matter was submitted by City Engineer Leonard and City Attorney Rippey. Summary of the report is as follows:

Frontage assessable: 9586.99. Frontage protesting: 5462.80.
Frontage not protesting: 4124.19. Percentage protests: 56.98%.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1174

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ABANDONING PROPOSED NORTH TORRANCE
WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1174 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from the Los Angeles County Public Library regarding services rendered the City of Torrance for the six months' period, July 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937, was read. Councilman Deininger moved that this matter be referred to the Library Board for recommendation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A report of the progress of the branch library at WALTERIA was read.

Upon recommendation of the Library Board, Councilman Deininger moved that a carpenter be employed to build new shelves in the City Library as per instructions of the City Librarian, and that the City Clerk be authorized to contact W.W. Petley, Contractor, in reference to repairs or replacement of part of the floors in the Library. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Acting upon the recommendation of Judge Lessing, a Mr. Hughes, representing a dairy farm implement company, referred a traffic ticket to the Council for consideration. He stated that this ticket had been given to one of the drivers of the company for peddling in the City of Torrance without a peddler's license. The fact that this driver was delivering direct to the customer was definitely established. It was explained to Mr. Hughes that this method of operating actually constituted peddling. After some discussion, the matter was referred back to Judge Lessing.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1175

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF EASEMENT
FROM PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1175 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1176

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING FURTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS
UPON TENTATIVE ZONING REPORT.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1176 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1177

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ACCUMULATION OF 1/4-CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1177 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 301

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 53, SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 114, ORDINANCE NO. 153, AND THE PORTION OF PARAGRAPH 70 OF SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE NO. 235 REFERRING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, ALSO ORDINANCE NO. 285, AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ELECTRICIAN, DEFINING HIS POWERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERING ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PROVIDING FOR LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS AND PERMITS FOR PERSONS DOING ELECTRICAL WORK.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 301 be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that Ordinance No. 301 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of \$203.94 be made for the purchase of 360 feet of cast iron pipe for the Water Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of \$10.00 be made to pay laundry for wearing apparel damaged by break in water main.

At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Tolson called for additional protests on the proposed zoning of the City. There were no written protests. A Mr. Smith made an oral protest. He requested that the following property be zoned permitting oil development: Tract 1952, Lots 27 of Blocks 297, 298 and 299.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. McDonald, representing the Red Cross, asked the help of the Council in eliminating some of the transient trade in Torrance by working out some plan whereby these men may work

for emergency relief. She stated that she is supposed to give emergency relief and is glad to do so, but that this business is growing so rapidly that it is getting out of bounds. She reasoned that if a little work is required of the men that the deserving ones will be willing to work and the others will be discouraged.

Councilman Deininger moved that this matter be referred to the Street Department for investigation and consideration in working out a program of work for the transients. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith asked that the trees on Western Avenue in back of the National Supply Company be removed. Engineer Leonard informed Mr. Smith that most of the trees on Western Avenue are in the City of Los Angeles.

The program included the business of making a motion to amend the motion of January 11, 1938, appointing the Civil Service Members, Robert B. Roberts and B.D. Bunje, to six year terms in compliance with the Civil Service Ordinance. There seemed to be some question on the matter, so it was referred to the City Attorney for a report at the next meeting.

Councilman McGuire moved that payment of \$3,540.00 for library services for the six months' period from July 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937 be authorized. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Leonard brought to the attention of the Council the fact that this is about the time of the year when the County Road Department begins to figure on its next year's budget. He stated that if the Council wishes to request an appropriation for the improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard, the request should be made as soon as possible. After some discussion on the matter, Councilman Deininger moved that Engineer Leonard be authorized to write to the County Supervisor regarding an appropriation of funds for the Sepulveda Boulevard project in next year's budget. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:05 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned to Monday, January 14, 1938 at 4:30 p.m.

A. H. B. Bantist
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

[Signature]
Mayor of the City of Torrance.

ORDINANCE NO. 298

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING CAMP CARS AND/OR TRAILERS, AND CAMPS THEREFOR.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows:

Section. 1 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to establish, maintain, operate, conduct or carry on or cause or permit to be established, maintained, operated, conducted or carried on any trailer camp ground in the City of Torrance except in accordance with the rules and regulations herein prescribed, and without first securing a permit therefor from the City Council of the City of Torrance.

Section 2. That the phrase "camp car and/or trailer" as used herein shall be construed to mean any permanently constructed unit used or fit for use for living or sleeping purposes, which is equipped with wheels or similar devices used for the purpose of supporting and/or transporting said unit from place to place.

The phrase "camp ground" as used herein shall be construed to mean any place, area, or tract of land upon which is located any camp car and/or trailer when in use for living and/or sleeping purposes, PROVIDED, that this ordinance shall not apply to camp cars and/or trailers when the same are unoccupied or displayed solely for purposes of sale, and PROVIDED, further, that no camp car and/or trailer shall be occupied or used for living or sleeping purposes in the City of Torrance except in camp grounds.

Section 3. Every application for a permit shall be in writing and filed with the City Engineer of said City, and shall describe the property whereon or wherein it is proposed to conduct a camp ground and have attached thereto a map or plat of the proposed camp ground and improvements. Each application shall be accompanied by an inspection fee of \$5.00, for which the City Engineer shall issue a receipt.

Upon the filing of an application, accompanied by said inspection fee, the said City Engineer shall inspect said application, proposed map or plat and improvements

thereon, and the proposed camp ground, and make a report and recommendation concerning the same to the City Council.

Section 4. No permit shall be issued for any camp ground unless there is available thereon unoccupied space of not less than 20 feet by 25 feet, or its equivalent of 500 square feet for each camp car and/or trailer. Camp cars and/or trailers shall be arranged in rows and face on a driveway of clear, unoccupied space of not less than 20 feet in width, which space shall have an unobstructed access to a public street or alley.

No camp car or trailer shall be allowed to park within 20 feet of any public street or highway nor within 20 feet of any exterior boundary of any camp ground.

No permit shall be granted for the installation or maintenance of a camp ground which has not available space to accommodate at least 25 camp cars and/or trailers.

Section 5. The City Council shall have the right to refuse to issue any permit hereunder upon the ground that there is no need or necessity therefor in said City; that the applicant is not able or qualified to own, maintain or operate such a camp ground; that the proposed plans, grounds or facilities are inadequate, unsanitary, and/or the establishment or maintenance thereof does not comport with the public interest and welfare, or the same will be situated in or near a residential or business district or other portion of the city and will interfere with the growth, development or best interests of any such location or section of the city.

Any permit issued may be revoked upon the same grounds, or any of them, upon giving the permittee at least ten days notice of such intention and an opportunity to be heard in connection therewith.

Any findings of the City Council in connection with the issuance or revocation of any permit shall be final and binding.

Section 6. Rules and regulations may be issued from time to time by the City Engineer with the approval of the City Council, governing the character of the facilities or improvements on camp grounds, the construc-

tion thereof, and/or concerning the maintenance, sanitation, drainage or equipment of the same.

Section 7. When a permit is issued hereunder, a license fee of \$24.00 per annum, shall be payable forthwith, provided that permits issued after commencement of a fiscal year shall be pro-rated to the close thereof. Permits and licenses issued are transferrable only with the consent of the City Council.

Section 8. Any person, firm or corporation, violating this ordinance, or causing or permitting any person to violate the same, and/or violating any provision hereof, and/or any of the rules and regulations issued by said City Engineer with the consent or approval of said City Council, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the City Jail of said City, for a period of not to exceed ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each violation is a separate offense.

Introduced, approved and adopted: Aug. 24, 1937.

W. H. TOLSON,

Mayor, City of Torrance, California.

ATTEST:

A. H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk, City of Torrance,
Calif.

State of California)
County of Los Angeles)ss
City of Torrance)

I, A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced, approved and adopted at a regular meeting of said Council of said City, held on the 24th day of August, 1937, and that the same was adopted by the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deinger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A. H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk, City of Torrance,
Calif.

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Aug. 26.

Sept 14, 1937

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December 28, 1937

Permission granted to
operate a Trailer Camp

Forance St. Blk 107

Lot 103
